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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: US ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET MANEUVER
"BEREZINA" INVITATION

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO APPROPRIATE
LEVEL OF SOVIET MFA ON JANUARY 25: QUOTE (COMPLIMENTARY
OPENING) AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO NOTE NUMBER 5
OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON JANUARY 13, 1978.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACCEPTS THE INVITATION
TO SEND TWO OBSERVERS TO THE MILITARY TRAINING EXERCISE
'BEREZINA" OF THE BYELORUSSIAN MILITARY DISTRICT IN
THE AREA OF MINSK, ORSHA AND POLOTSK. THE US OBSERVERS
WILL BE BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD LARKIN, USA, DEFENSE
ATTACHE AT THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, AND COLONEL WILLIAM
E. ODOM, USA, MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT TO
THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. COLONEL ODOM
INTENDS TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW FEBRUARY 4, 1978 AT 1735
VIA AEROFLOT 256. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING) UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MEET AND ASSIST COLONEL ODOM.
HE DESIRES TO STAY IN USG QUARTERS, IF POSSIBLE.

3. WE ASSUME COLONEL ODOM'S ARRIVAL PRIOR TO THE FEBRUARY
5 DATE SPECIFIED IN THE SOVIET NOTE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT
PRESENT A PROBLEM. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE PLEASE
INFORM ASAP.

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